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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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# DAILY REPORT

34th  
Legislative  
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 35th Legislative Day on Thursday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m.
- Three bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

- SB 46**    **Control of Sexually Transmitted Disease; physicians and healthcare providers to test all pregnant women for HIV and syphilis at the first prenatal visit, at 28–32 weeks' gestation, and at delivery; require**

Bill Summary: SB 46 requires that a pregnant woman be tested for HIV and syphilis by their prenatal provider at their first prenatal visit, at 28-32 weeks gestation, and at delivery. The patient will have the option to opt out of such testing.

**Authored By:** Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
**House** Public Health  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 169    Nays: 2

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-09-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

- SB 84**    **"Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008"; financial protections for elder and disabled adults who may be victims of financial exploitation; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 84 requires an investment advisor or a person in a supervisory, compliance, or legal capacity for a broker or investment advisor who has reasonable cause to believe that the financial exploitation of an eligible adult, either a person at least 65 years old or an adult who is mentally or physically incapacitated, has Alzheimer's disease, or has dementia, to promptly notify the Secretary of State of pertinent information relevant to the financial exploitation.

The qualified individual may also notify any third party previously designated by the eligible adult, provided that third party is not the suspect in the alleged financial exploitation. The investment advisor may delay a disbursement from the eligible adult's account if there is reasonable cause to believe financial exploitation is occurring, but must notify within two business days after the delay the Secretary of State and all non-suspect parties authorized to transact business on the account.

The advisor must also conduct an internal review and report results to the Secretary of State within seven business days of the requested disbursement. No investment advisor will be subject to administrative or civil liability by exercising good faith and reasonable care in delaying a disbursement or failing to notify an eligible adult.

**Authored By:** Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
**House** Banks & Banking  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 169    Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-13-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**SB 128 Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; the total percentage of funds that can be invested in alternative investments; raise the limit**

Bill Summary: SB 128 allows the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund to increase the maximum amount of assets invested in alternative investments from 10 percent to 15 percent. The bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a non-fiscal retirement bill.

**Authorized By:** Sen. John Albers (56th)  
**House** Retirement  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 3

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-07-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**SB 134 Evidence; that a child witness be deemed competent to testify without taking the oath; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 134 adds proceedings involving termination of parental rights to the list of proceedings in which minors are not required to be sworn in prior to offering testimony.

In all dependency adjudications involving juveniles and involving injury or disease, a written medical report will be admissible into evidence without any hearsay objection as long as applicable notice is provided to the adverse party at least five days prior to the adjudication hearing. Any objection, on a ground other than hearsay, must be made within three days of being provided the report.

In all hearings involving termination of parental rights and involving injury or disease, a written medical report will be admissible into evidence without any hearsay objection as long as applicable notice is provided to the adverse party at least 15 days prior to the adjudication hearing. Any objection, on a ground other than hearsay, must be made within seven days of being provided the report.

**Authorized By:** Sen. Bill Cowser (46th)  
**House** Juvenile Justice  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute  
**Amendments:**

**Local Calendar****HB 599 Martin, Town of; change number of city council members; provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 599 changes the number of city council members for the Town of Martin.

**Authorized By:** Rep. Chris Erwin (32nd)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 171 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee** 03-14-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**HB 615 Coweta County; State Court; add additional judge**

Bill Summary: HB 615 adds a judge to the State Court of Coweta County.

**Authorized By:** Rep. Lynn Smith (70th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 171 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee** 03-14-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**HB 693 Elbert County; Board of Commissioners; revise provisions relating to filling vacancies**

Bill Summary: HB 693 revises filling vacancies for the board of commissioners of Elbert County.

**Authorized By:** Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 171 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee** 03-14-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**HB 694 DeKalb County; certain judges, judicial and county officers; revise compensation**

Bill Summary: HB 694 revises the compensation of county officers and officials of DeKalb County.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Billy Mitchell (88th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 696 Smyrna, City of; annexation of certain territory; provide**

Bill Summary: HB 696 provides for annexation into the boundaries of the City of Smyrna.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Teri Anulewicz (42nd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 698 Dooly County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts**

Bill Summary: HB 698 changes the board of commissioner districts for Dooly County.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Patty Bentley (150th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 699 Social Circle, City of; city councilmembers; reapportion election districts**

Bill Summary: HB 699 changes the city council districts of the City of Social Circle.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Bruce Williamson (112th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 700 Dooly County; Board of Education; change description of districts**

Bill Summary: HB 700 changes the board of education districts for Dooly County.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Patty Bentley (150th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 701 Buford, City of; adopt by reference a certain map**

Bill Summary: HB 701 revises the city boundaries of the City of Buford.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. David Clark (100th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 704 Milton, City of; mayor and councilmembers; modify provisions related to compensation**

Bill Summary: HB 704 revises the compensation of the mayor and city council of the City of Milton.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Jan Jones (47th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 705 Milton, City of; city council; change description of election districts**

Bill Summary: HB 705 changes the city council districts of the City of Milton.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Jan Jones (47th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 707 Coweta County; Board of Education; provide compensation**

Bill Summary: HB 707 revises the compensation of the board of education for Coweta County.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Lynn Smith (70th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**SB 108 Board of Education of McDuffie County; board member term limits; remove**

Bill Summary: SB 108 removes board member term limits for the Board of Education of McDuffie County.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Max Burns (23rd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**SB 178 "Macon Water Authority Act"; code of conduct for board members, officers, and employees; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 178 provides a code of conduct for the Macon Water Authority.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. John Kennedy (18th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-14-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

## **Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules**

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 35th Legislative Day, Thursday, March 16, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, March 16, at 8:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 36th Legislative Day.*

### **SB 55 Counties, Municipal Corporations, and other Governmental Entities; regulation of businesses of persons under 18 years of age; prohibit**

**Bill Summary:** SB 55 prohibits the regulation of businesses of individuals under 18 years of age selling non-consumable goods, prepackaged foods, lemonade, or nonalcoholic beverages on private property that earn \$5,000 or less annually.

**Authored By:** Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)  
**House** Small Business Development  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### **SB 90 Selling and Other Trade Practices; commercial financing disclosures; provide**

**Bill Summary:** SB 90 requires providers of certain commercial financing transactions to disclose with each transaction: the total amount of funds provided to the business in the transaction; the total amount of funds disbursed to the business after any fees, withholdings, or third-party payments; the total amount to be paid to the provider under the transaction terms; the total dollar cost of the transaction; and a statement of whether there are any costs or discounts associated with prepayment under the transaction.

No broker will solicit or collect an advance fee from a business to provide services as a broker, nor will a broker make any false representations in offering their services or offer their services in a publication without disclosing necessary contact information. The attorney general may take action to enforce these provisions, and the bill contains civil penalties for violations of these provisions.

The bill requires a notice on each unsolicited mailing from unlicensed entities trying to purchase or purchase an option in real property from the addressee that the addressee is under no obligation to respond. The notice must be in capital letters and at least two inches from other text at the top of the mailing. The front of the envelope must have similar wording, "SOLICITATION, YOU ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO OPEN OR TO RESPOND", in an effort to warn elderly consumers of their right to disregard any solicitations to sign away their property rights. Brokerage engagements are prohibited from attaching a lien, encumbrance, or other real property security interest, and deems such items void if one is attached.

**Authored By:** Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)  
**House** Banks & Banking  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### **SB 149 "Georgia Door-to-Door Sales Act"; enact**

**Bill Summary:** SB 149 creates the 'Georgia Door-to-Door Sales Act' to require the seller in a door-to-door sale to provide the buyer with a notice of cancellation form. A door-to-door sale is defined and does not include the sale of automobiles or large equipment at auctions or tent sales. The bill outlines requirements of the cancellation form, including a timeline when the buyer has the right to cancel the sale.

**Authored By:** Sen. John Albers (56th)  
**House** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-14-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

## Committee Actions

*Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.*

### Education Committee

#### SB 32 "Alyssa's Law"

**Bill Summary:** SB 32 requires local education agencies to implement a mobile panic alert system, known as 'Alyssa's Alert', capable of connecting disparate emergencies services technologies. The system must be able to alert state and local law enforcement, and other first responders simultaneously. If a local education agency has already procured and implemented a mobile panic alert system with capabilities which meet the requirements of this Code section, the agency will not have to purchase a new system.

**Authored By:** Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)  
**House** Education  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

#### SB 45 Education; care of students being treated for epilepsy or a seizure disorder; provide

**Bill Summary:** SB 45 creates 'A.J.'s Law' to provide for the care of students being treated for epilepsy or a seizure disorder. A school nurse or other school employee should be trained in the proper protocols should a student experience a seizure while at school. The parent or guardian must annually supply the school with a seizure action plan which provides specific directions about what to do in emergency situations.

**Authored By:** Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)  
**House** Education  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

#### SB 204 Education Accountability; recognition of certain accrediting agencies as evaluators of the quality of education offered in public schools in this state; provide

**Bill Summary:** SB 204 requires accrediting agencies that operate in Georgia to focus on student achievement, academic success, and fiscal solvency of schools and school systems. The State Board of Education must establish evaluation criteria, procedures, and other requirements for recognized accrediting agencies.

**Authored By:** Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)  
**House** Education  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

#### SB 211 Georgia Council on Literacy; establish

**Bill Summary:** SB 211 creates the Georgia Council on Literacy to conduct a comprehensive review of birth to postsecondary literacy programs for the purpose of improving literacy outcomes of Georgia students. The council is composed of 30 members, will meet at least four times per year, and will dissolve December 31, 2026.

**Authored By:** Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)  
**House** Education  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

## Governmental Affairs Committee

### **SB 26 State Government; meetings and public hearings of development authorities and community improvement districts to be held by teleconference; permit**

Bill Summary: SB 26 creates the 'Georgia Electric Vehicle Future Act'. The bill authorizes the Department of Economic Development to establish and support a statewide electric vehicle manufacturing program to advance the electric vehicle industry in the state. The bill creates and provides guidelines for the Georgia Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Commission.

The bill authorizes specified local workforce development boards, development authorities, community improvement districts, and the governing bodies of any large retirement systems to hold meetings via teleconference.

**Author By:** Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)  
**House** Governmental Affairs  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### **SB 62 Counties and Municipal Corporations; certain local ordinances or policies relating to public camping or sleeping; prohibit**

Bill Summary: SB 62 prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing any policies that would prohibit the enforcement of any ordinance that prohibits unauthorized public camping, sleeping, or obstruction of sidewalks. The bill prohibits hospitals and local government entities from dropping off homeless individuals outside of their area of operation or jurisdiction, subject to specified exceptions.

The bill requires the state auditor to conduct a performance audit of homeless program spending in this state, including local government spending and the expenditure of federal funds. The audit must be provided to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2023.

**Author By:** Sen. Carden Summers (13th)  
**House** Governmental Affairs  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### **SB 129 Primaries and Elections; time off for employees to advance vote; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 129 allows the State Election Board to appoint members of county boards of elections, or county boards of elections and registratin to performance review boards. The bill clarifies the language that must be included on any absentee ballot application that is mailed to an elector by a nongovernmental entity.

The bill requires employers, upon reasonable notice, to provide time off for employees to vote during the period of advance voting. The bill extends the time limit from 10:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. for specified reporting requirements for election superintendents following the close of the polls on the day of an election. The bill clarifies the auditing requirements for local election superintendents following specified elections.

**Author By:** Sen. Rick Williams (25th)  
**House** Governmental Affairs  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### **SB 136 Impact Fees; required revenue source for a development project involving workforce housing; modify**

Bill Summary: SB 136 provides for the possible exemption of municipal or county development impact fee ordinances on development projects that create workforce housing.

**Author By:** Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)  
**House** Governmental Affairs  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

**SB 213 Zoning Procedures; local governments from preventing the continuance of lawful nonconforming use of property; prohibit**

Bill Summary: SB 213 prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing any zoning decisions or other regulations on a new manufactured or mobile home that were not imposed on the preexisting home, in specified circumstances and subject to specified exceptions.

**Authored By:** Sen. Max Burns (23rd)  
**House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass

**SB 222 Primaries and Elections; all costs and expenses relating to election administration are paid for with lawfully appropriate public funds; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 222 requires all expenses related to conducting elections to be paid from lawfully-appropriated public funds. The bill prohibits local governments or election officials from accepting any contributions or donations for the purpose of conducting elections, subject to specified exceptions. The bill prohibits election superintendents, local governments, and boards of registrars from accepting grants or gifts related to conducting elections from any entity other than the State of Georgia or the federal government.

The bill removes the secretary of state as an ex-officio non-voting member of the State Election Board. The bill establishes the State Election Board as a separate and distinct budget unit in the state budget, attached to the Office of the Secretary of State for administrative purposes only. The bill completely removes the State Election Board from the jurisdiction of the secretary of state. The bill provides for the appointment of an executive director of the State Election Board.

**Authored By:** Sen. Max Burns (23rd)  
**House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Health Committee

**SB 199 State's Employee Benefit Plan Council; council to establish health savings accounts; require**

Bill Summary: SB 199 authorizes the state's Employee Benefit Plan Council to provide health savings accounts as part of the flexible employee benefit plan for state employees, public school employees, and teachers. The bill provides discretion to the council on whether to provide flexible benefit deductions or salary reductions, and allows the flexible benefit plan to continually provide deductions or salary reductions related to health savings accounts starting January 1, 2025.

**Authored By:** Sen. Jason Esteves (6th)  
**House Committee:** Health

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Human Relations & Aging Committee

**HR 141 House Study Committee on Expanding Long-Term Care Options; create**

Bill Summary: HR 41 creates the House Study Committee on Expanding Long-Term Care Options. The study committee consists of five members of the House of Representatives and will be abolished on December 1, 2023.

**Authored By:** Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)  
**House Committee:** Human Relations & Aging

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute



## Industry and Labor Committee

### **SB 61 Sick Leave for Care of Immediate Family Members; sunset provision relating to such sick leave requirements; repeal**

Bill Summary: SB 61 repeals the sunset clause of the provision that requires employers who offer sick leave to employees to allow an employee to use that sick leave for the care of an immediate family member.

**Authored By:** Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)  
**House Committee:** Industry and Labor

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass

### **SB 91 Workers' Compensation; the time period for the dissolution of the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund; extend**

Bill Summary: SB 91 amends O.C.G.A. 34-9-368 to revise the sunset clause of the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund to December 31, 2025.

**Authored By:** Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)  
**House Committee:** Industry and Labor

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass

### **SB 160 Employment Security; provisions**

Bill Summary: SB 160 revises the sunset clause of the statute authorizing the Department of Labor to collect required contributions from employers from 2022 to 2026, which lowers the required rate of contributions for new or newly covered employers to make into the unemployment insurance trust fund from 2.7 percent of wages to 2.64 percent of wages.

The bill reinstates the statute authorizing the Department of Labor to collect an administrative assessment of .06 percent of wages paid by an employer until January 1, 2027.

**Authored By:** Sen. Shawn Still (48th)  
**House Committee:** Industry and Labor

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass

## Insurance Committee

### **SB 20 "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act"; ensure consumer access to quality healthcare by setting adequacy standards for network plans offered by an insurer**

Bill Summary: SB 20 requires insurers to contract with and maintain a sufficient and appropriate number of participating network providers. Additionally, insurers are prohibited from denying preauthorization of services that were rendered by an in-network provider because the referring provider is out-of-network. The bill gives the insurance commissioner authority to review network adequacy.

**Authored By:** Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
**House Committee:** Insurance

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass

### **SB 110 'Back the Blue Act'; enact**

Bill Summary: SB 110 creates a Back the Blue Fund of which the revenue commissioner will be the custodian and administer to sheriffs' offices through the Georgia Sheriff's Association for the purpose of increasing pay and enhancing officers' benefits. An option will be provided to contribute \$3 to the fund upon issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle car tag.

**Authorized By:** Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)  
**House** Insurance  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

**SB 158 Property Insurance; insurance premium discount or rate reduction for property owners; tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 158 provides an insurance premium discount or reduction for a home or commercial property built to fortified standards to better resist catastrophic wind events.

**Authorized By:** Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)  
**House** Insurance  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

## Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

**HB 597 Andersonville, City of; provide new charter**

Bill Summary: HB 597 provides a new charter for the City of Andersonville.

**Authorized By:** Rep. Patty Bentley (150th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**HB 666 Lone Oak, Town of; provide new charter**

Bill Summary: HB 666 provides a new charter for the Town of Lone Oak.

**Authorized By:** Rep. David Jenkins (136th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**HB 695 Thomaston, City of; provide new charter**

Bill Summary: HB 695 provides a new charter for the City of Thomaston.

**Authorized By:** Rep. Beth Camp (135th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**HB 702 Savannah, City of; Chatham County; Board of Education; modify compensation of members**

Bill Summary: HB 702 revises the compensation of the board of public education of the City of Savannah and Chatham County.

**Authorized By:** Rep. Anne Allen Westbrook (163rd)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**HB 703 Savannah, City of; implement a limitation on number of terms the aldermen may serve**

Bill Summary: HB 703 implements term limitations for the aldermen of the City of Savannah.

**Authorized By:** Rep. Anne Allen Westbrook (163rd)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**HB 708 Ellijay, City of; levy an excise tax**

Bill Summary: HB 708 authorizes the City of Ellijay to levy an excise tax.

**Authorized By:** Rep. Johnny Chastain (7th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local

**Committee** 03-15-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**HB 709 Forsyth, City of; powers of city manager; revise provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 709 revises the powers of the city manager of the City of Forsyth.

<b>Author By:</b>	Rep. Dale Washburn (144th)		
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-15-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	

**HB 711 Gwinnett County; ad valorem tax; increase homestead exemption to \$8,000.00**

Bill Summary: HB 711 increases a homestead exemption from Gwinnett County school district ad valorem taxes, except taxes levied to relieve bonded indebtedness, for all residents from \$4,000 to \$8,000.

<b>Author By:</b>	Rep. Matt Reeves (99th)		
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Committee</b>	03-15-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>	Local	<b>Action:</b>	

**Juvenile Justice Committee****SB 131 Permanent Guardianship; service by publication; provide**

Bill Summary: Section 1 of SB 131 requires a guardianship petition hearing to be conducted in accordance with O.C.G.A. 29-2-18.

Section 2 adds requirements to the process of serving individuals related to a child who was adjudicated as a dependent child and any other parties who appear to the court as proper or necessary to the proceeding.

Section 3 makes a conviction of a parent for murder or voluntary manslaughter of the other parent a mandatory basis for removing a child from the parent who was convicted.

Section 4 allows the court to exercise its discretion when determining the custody of a child and one parent was indicted for the offense of murder or voluntary manslaughter of the other parent.

<b>Author By:</b>	Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)		
<b>House</b>	Juvenile Justice	<b>Committee</b>	03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee
<b>Committee:</b>		<b>Action:</b>	Substitute

**Public Health Committee****HR 449 Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day; fourth Wednesday in February; designate**

Bill Summary: HF 449 recognizes the fourth Wednesday in February as Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day.

<b>Author By:</b>	Rep. Sharon Cooper (45th)		
<b>House</b>	Public Health	<b>Committee</b>	03-15-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>		<b>Action:</b>	

**SB 47 Offenses Against Public Health And Morals; vaping in restricted areas is a misdemeanor punishable by fine; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 47 adds the smoking of electronic smoking or vaping devices to the Georgia Smokefree Air Act of 2005.

<b>Author By:</b>	Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)		
<b>House</b>	Public Health	<b>Committee</b>	03-15-2023 Do Pass
<b>Committee:</b>		<b>Action:</b>	

**SB 107 "Izzy's Law"; Depart. of Public Health shall develop and make available for download from its internet website a model aquatic safety plan based on national standards for private swim instructors; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 107 requires the Department of Public Health to develop a model safety plan for private swim instructors to utilize by January 1, 2024. The plan will include minimum standards for student-to-instructor ratios, secondary supervision recommendations, parent or legal guardian attendance, and use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.

All private swim instructors are required to have an aquatic safety plan by April 1, 2024. Any instructor in violation is subject to a misdemeanor charge and a minimum fine of \$200 for the first and second violation, and a \$1,000 maximum fine for third and subsequent violations.

**Authored By:** Sen. Max Burns (23rd)  
**House Committee:** Public Health

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass

**Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee****SB 93 Information Technology; use of certain social media platforms on state equipment; restrict**

Bill Summary: SB 93 prohibits the use of social media on state-owned devices when the social media platform is owned or operated by a foreign adversary, or by a company which is domiciled in, has its headquarters in, or is organized under the laws of a foreign adversary. The prohibition also stands when a foreign adversary has substantial control over the content moderation practices of the platform or if the platform uses software or an algorithm that is controlled or monitored by a foreign adversary.

**Authored By:** Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)  
**House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB 155 Dangerous Instrumentalities and Practices; provisions relating to harming a law enforcement animal; revise**

Bill Summary: SB 155 creates the offense of aggravated harming of a public safety animal or search and rescue animal when they know or should have known that an animal is a public safety animal or search and rescue animal and when they intentionally commit, conspire, or attempt to commit an act that causes the death of the animal or injures the animal in a manner that affects its ability to perform as a public safety animal or search and rescue animal.

The penalty for this conviction is at least two years and no more than 10 years imprisonment, a fine up to \$50,000, or both. The first two years of the sentence cannot be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld by a sentencing court without the agreement of the prosecuting attorney and the defendant on a sentence below the mandatory minimum.

**Authored By:** Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
**House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB 159 Correctional Institutions of States and Counties; wireless communications and stand-alone electronic devices behind guard lines; prohibit**

Bill Summary: SB 159 enhances penalties for a person who brings prohibited items beyond a guard line for purposes of providing items to inmates. The legislation provides a penalty for any employee or contractor of the Department of Corrections who is found guilty of bringing prohibited items into the facility for an inmate punishable by a 10-year term of imprisonment.

**Authored By:** Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)  
**House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security

**Committee Action:** 03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB 218 Identification Cards; issuance of identification cards to persons completing a term of incarceration; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 218 allows for the issuance of identification cards to persons who complete a term of incarceration. The bill requires the Department of Corrections to provide identifying information to the Department of Driver Services for the card.

The bill requires that when a person is released from confinement from the Department of Corrections, the department releases to the individual, with their consent, documents pertaining to the program history including whether the person completed training requested by the Board of Pardons and Paroles; whether they completed programs recommended by the Department of Corrections; whether they obtained a state-approved high school equivalency diploma or other educational degree; and the person's institutional work record.

**Authored By:** Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

**House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security

**Committee Action:**

03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**Special Rules Committee****HR 119 Joint Study Committee on Censorship by Social Media Platforms; create**

Bill Summary: HR 119 creates the Joint Study Committee on Censorship by Social Media Platforms to review issues surrounding censorship by social media platforms.

**Authored By:** Rep. Steven Sainz (180th)

**House Committee:** Special Rules

**Committee Action:**

03-15-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Committee Meeting Schedule

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### Thursday - March 16, 2023

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8:00 AM	<a href="#">PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; HOMELAND SECURITY 2-A SUBCOMMITTEE (House)</a>	506 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a>
8:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES COMMITTEE (House)</a>	341 CAP	<a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a>
8:00 AM	<a href="#">Natural Resources &amp; Environment Environmental Quality Subcommittee (House)</a>	606 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a>
8:15 AM	<a href="#">Natural Resources &amp; Environment Resource Management Subcommittee (This meeting will begin upon the adjournment of the Environmental Quality Subcommittee) (House)</a>	606 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a>
8:30 AM	<a href="#">NATURAL RESOURCE &amp; ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (This meeting will begin upon the adjournment of the Resource Management Subcommittee) (House)</a>	606 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a>
9:00 AM	<a href="#">CANCELED MOTOR VEHICLES COMMITTEE (House)</a>	606 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a>
9:00 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 35) (House)</a>	House Chamber	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>
12:00 PM	<a href="#">WAYS &amp; MEANS COMMITTEE (This meeting will begin upon the adjournment of the House of Representatives) (House)</a>	406 CLOB HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a>
1:00 PM	<a href="#">AGRICULTURE &amp; CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (House)</a>	415 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a> <a href="#">Agenda</a>
2:00 PM	<a href="#">CANCELED SPECIAL RULES COMMITTEE (House)</a>	406 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>